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MISSOULA--

Seventeen Montana teachers have been chosen to participate in the Montana Writing Project (MWP) at the University of Montana June 18 to July 13.

The project is designed to develop a core of writing teachers who will conduct workshops in their local communities and act as consultants for the state. Last year's teacher consultants conducted over 40 workshop demonstrations in the state. Combined with the 1978-79 consultants, this year's participants aim to provide well over that number for the upcoming school term.

The program is directed by Richard Adler and Robert Hausmann, members of the UM English faculty. Jane Urbaska, a 1978-79 participant, is administrative assistant to the directors.

Participants were nominated as outstanding teachers by administrators, other teachers and leaders in the teaching profession. They were chosen on the basis of their record as composition teachers and their willingness to approach new ideas about writing. The group includes teachers from all levels of education.

The 1979-80 participants are, from Billings - LouAnne Ivanish. Broadus - Donald Bidwell. Browning - Alice Wagner. Darby - Brian Bechtold. Deer Lodge - Billy Sager. Frenchtown - Dolores Kent. Great Falls - JoAnne Church and Peggy Browning. Helena - Harriet Kay McKenna.

Kalispell - Terri Funk. Livingston - Suzanne Goodman. Lolo - Dee Otero. Malta - Dale Edmister. Missoula - Marcia Shefloe. Outlook - Steven Smith. Plentywood - Jane Prescott. Shepherd - Mike Colbrese.

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Adler says that in some sessions project participants will teach one another. "My past experiences have shown me that one of the most effective methods for teaching teachers is getting teachers themselves to share their most successful teaching practices."

The group will study topics including attitudes toward writing, pre-writing, planning, composing, editing/revising and evaluating.

MWP is based on the Bay Area Writing Project at the University of California, Berkeley. The Montana project is sponsored by matching funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities, private donors, the UM Continuing Education Program, and the UM Foundation's Excellence Fund.

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